

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Lambertus C.J. VAN HALDER et al.  
Title: COMPONENT PLACEMENT MACHINE  
AS WELL AS A METHOD FOR  
TRANSPORTING PRINTED CIRCUIT  
BOARDS  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.115**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of the present Application, Applicant respectfully requests that the application be amended as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this document.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 12 of this document.

**Amendments to the Abstract** begin on page 15 of this document.

**Remarks** begin on page 16 of this document.

Please amend the application as follows: